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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): H. HASHIMOTO

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AMENDMENT

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2003, the term for response to which expires on August 22, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1, 16, 18 and 19 are amended; claims 4, 17 and 20 are canceled; and claims 2, 3 and 5-15 are withdrawn.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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